

23. (New) System as defined in claim 20, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the system comprises means (5) verifying the status of the answering service (1) at predetermined points of time.

24. (New) System as defined in claim 20, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the system comprises means (6) for verifying the status of the answering service in conjunction with a call event on the telecommunication terminal (MS).

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application and to insert new claims for examination.

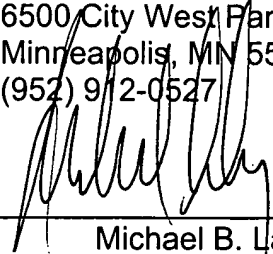
Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at (952) 912-0527.

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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AN ANSWERING SERVICE

Method for transmitting the status of an answering service comprised in a local exchange in a telecommunication system comprising a local exchange (LE), an answering service (1) connected to the local exchange, an access node (AN) connected to the local exchange, a wireless communication system (WLL) connected to the access node and a telecommunication terminal (MS) connected via the wireless communication system to the access node. In the method, a port-specific connection from the access node (AN) to the local exchange (LE) is set up, the status of the answering service (1) is verified in the access node (AN) and, based on the status of the answering service (1), an announcement is sent from the access node (AN) to the telecommunication terminal (MS). The system comprises means (2) for setting up a port-specific connection to the local exchange (LE), means (3) for verifying the status of the answering service (1) and means (4) for sending an announcement to the telecommunication terminal (MS) on the basis of the status of the answering service (1).